

THE SAGA OF COL. CARROLL

BLOWN UP IN THE PETERSBURG CRATER, FOR ONE THING.

Shot by Bushwhacker, Saved by Nurse (When He Married). Wrecked in Privateer Chase—Now He's Turning Forests into Cash in the Far West.

Ulysses and James, their wanderings and adventures, have been sung for ages, but here is Col. Patrick Pittman Carroll, of Seattle, Wash., who, having fought in wars on sea and land, suffered shipwreck, been blown up in a mine, fallen by a bushwhacker's bullet and been nursed back to health by a beautiful young Virginian and having had other adventures almost as varied, took up the pursuit of peace, dispensed justice and finally went into the lumber business and put money in his purse.

Col. Carroll, who is equally well known as Judge Carroll, told the story himself at the Imperial yesterday. He happened to be in New York because he had come back from an eleven months business tour in Europe arranging for foreign agencies for his own and two other lumber firms on the Pacific Coast and making contracts.

"I was born on St. Patrick's day and I am just turned 67," said the Colonel, who wears his mustache with the ends growing chinward, as he did forty years ago. "In London I was one of the guests of honor at the Irish Club's dinner and responded to the toast 'Our Guests.' I served through the civil war, first in the navy and then in the army. Then I was in the Indian war with Miles, and then I settled down in New Orleans to pursue law. I was on the bench for a while, and then I was Attorney-General of the State before I went west. Yes, I have had some interesting experiences.

"When the war started I was only 17 years old. As a member of a naval battalion I took part in the first battle of Bull Run, and was a witness of the condition of Washington on the night of July 21, 1861, when, after the flight from Manassas, Pennsylvania avenue was piled from the Treasury Building to the Capitol with artillery so thick that you could walk all the way on gun carriages. I was stuck in the mud. Many of the horses that had pulled the guns from the battlefield were dead of exhaustion.

"Afterward I served with the Potomac flotilla, becoming a midshipman. Then I was in Dupont's fleet, which left Hampton Roads October 29 of that year and which later took Port Royal, Beaufort, Fernandina and other ports. I was on the transport Governor, an old side wheel steamer, and on Sunday—November 1, I think it was—we got into a gale off Hatteras.

"Our vessel gradually went to pieces. Her beams began to open and we lost our rudder. Then her hogheads split and we had to lash them together to hold the sides wheels in place. We rigged up a dummy rudder, but that too was carried away.

"The water began to fill the hold. The pumps got out of order and men were sent down to bale. But the loose cargo tumbled about at such a rate that this was dangerous work and men volunteered to go below for the work who never came out alive. Finally the first boat put out a big sea swept the upper deck and tore away the upper part of the deckhouse. The provisions in the fore-cabin were ruined. The fresh water gave out and my life and reason were saved by a pickle. A keg of these was flung against a stanchion and smashed and the contents scattered. I picked up one and ate it and the acid prevented the thirst that made many men go crazy.

"On the third day it turned cold and a sleet froze all over the vessel. The men were exhausted and refused to work because they said it was no use. Again and again they returned to their posts at the baling, the officers but finally hope was given up.

"That night the great steamer Vanderbilt, which had been presented by the old Commodore to the Government, passed us, but paid no attention to our signals. Next day the gunboat Isaac Smith hove in sight. She threw out a hawser. It got caught in her propeller and not only was cut but it damaged her propeller so she had all she could do to look after herself. We were in despair.

"It was not until the next day that the Young Rover, a bark rigged vessel with steam, but under sail only, came near. We had exhausted our rockets. We saw her flag under sail and came near. She could not get near enough to help and hurried away to find the flagship, the old line frigate Sabine. To make the Sabine respond quickly the Young Rover hoisted the Confederate flag as she sighted her. The frigate put on full sail and chased out after her. The Rover rounded us, came to and hoisted her own colors.

"The frigate saw our plight. She threw out her anchor and finding that she had enough chain dropped astern of our bow. Sailors' chairs were rigged and hawsers were thrown from the frigate. An effort was made to use the gun to swing men aboard her from us, but the men dropped down between the vessels and some were crushed to death. They tried getting us off by putting small boats under a hawser and having the men go hand over hand to the frigate, but when one of the vessels would wallow the men would slide and the men would be crushed or washed off.

"They next tried using the small boats as ferries, following the rope from the Young Rover to the frigate, but the boats filled or were crushed.

"Finally they did what they ought to have done in the beginning, lashed the vessels together and opened the port-boards of the frigate. The Young Rover first through one and fell unconscious. Those of us who were rescued went through that campaign.

"In '62 I was with the James River fleet covering McClellan's retreat and in the naval battalion that took part in the last day's fight at Malvern Hill. After that I was transferred to the gunboat Somers, which was in Wilkes' West India flying squadron. On one occasion we chased the Florida, near the northern coast of Cuba. We were at inspection on a Sunday morning when the lookout reported 'Sail-ho!'

"We showed no pennant or ensign, and turned stern to as the Florida approached, she did not know what we were, until she got almost broadside on, when she turned and made for Nassau. With her sail and steam and a swift breeze she was more than a match for us in speed. But the sea was rough we thought she would have to stop when she got into the shelter of the Florida because of not being able to get a pilot.

"So we sharpened our engines, for it had been determined that we should straddle her and board her. But the Florida went straight on into the harbor and we could not follow on account of rules for belligerents. We lay to outside the three-mile limit. The next morning a great English ship, the Springbok, came out. She was filled with hospital supplies and munitions of war, so we seized her and sent her under a prize crew to New York.

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I have for years followed her into Cienfuegos, where she landed a lot of slaves. There had been 3,000 of them when the vessel left Cienfuegos, but half of them had died on the way over. The survivors were crowded in a pen under guard and were lying about in a broiling sun. Under a bamboo shelter there were tubs of rice and water into which the wretches were allowed to dip their heads and hands.

"When after discharging the human part of her cargo the Spanish vessel anchored off near the harbor entrance under the guns of the forts, we tied up to a buoy and kept watch over her. The captain of the port in response to a signal the Spaniard made to the fort came out to us and issued that international law we had no right to leave the port until twenty-four hours after the other vessel had got away.

"We were threatened to fire on us. He was told to go ahead; that we would answer. When the Spaniard hoisted her anchor at midnight we cast off and made after her, our guns ready, but the forts kept silent.

"There was a good long stern chase, the Spaniard making off toward Cape Catoche, Yucatan. The officers of that port refused to deliver the vessel to us, saying that it was a state affair and that we would have to see the Governor, who was at Merida. So we went to Campeche Bay and anchored opposite Sisal, fifty-eight miles from Merida. There were no trains, but there was a fine macadam road lined with magnolia trees in blossom.

"Commander Stevens was determined to make the journey, and he took five officers, myself acting as secretary. Unfortunately the regular stage had gone. In an old stable was an ancient Spanish coach, which the proprietor of the inn said had not been used in 100 years. The commander made him clean and oil it. Then with five pointers pulling and two Indians on the box, one with the reins and the other with a whip, and both with a bottle of Mexican whiskey, we started off.

"We changed horses every ten miles and reached Merida at 1 o'clock in the morning. There the Governor told us the matter was settled within his province, and that we would have to go to Mexico City.

"Well, it was a five day trip, but we made it. The Governor, who got permission, and then went back to Sisal and took the Spaniard. She later became the filibuster Virginian.

"Soon after this the Sonoma went out of commission and I came up to Brooklyn on a leave of absence. I started for my home in Pennsylvania, and on my way called on Gov. Curtin, who was my great-uncle. He called me to help him in organizing the Pennsylvania Veteran Reserves. I have never seen it stated anywhere, but these reserves were the nucleus of the famous 15th New York.

"When I returned to Brooklyn I assisted Lieut. Col. Jones to reorganize the Thirty-first New York Regiment. He said he had been appointed to the 31st New York, but he was sick and the regiment was sent off to the front. So I went out with the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania.

"I was with the Second Brigade, Second Division of the Ninth Army Corps from the crossing of the Rapidan until the fall of Richmond. The regiment was charged with the mining of the fortification at Petersburg. I was one of five delegates to explode the mine and I struck the match that fired it, creating a hell of a noise. I was killed. Here the Colonel showed several black scars on his breast.

"After Richmond fell, he resumed 'I was at Camp Chimborazo on the James River for a time, but later I had the military district between Richmond and Petersburg, with headquarters at Point of Rocks. I was out inspecting one night when a flash of lightning revealed a lot of bushwhackers waiting for us on the side of a creek. They fired a volley and one of the bullets went through my chest just above the heart. I rode four miles with an order and then fell from my horse half a mile from headquarters. I was taken to the house of Col. Talbot a planter. His daughter nursed me back to health and became my wife.

"After serving in the army several years after the civil war I went to New Orleans, where I took part in the work of reconstruction. My report on the elections in Louisiana helped to make Hayes president. The peculiar thing about it was that Hayes abandoned the Republicans who were elected with him, the Governors and legislators, when if they were not elected he certainly was not.

"In 1874-77 I was at the head of the Taxpayers Union of Louisiana, whose purpose was to resist the payment of a State debt, created by the Reconstruction, and whose efforts were partly instrumental in having such debts repudiated. The Supreme Court declaring they were fraudulent and void, and that the State would be crushed or washed off.

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LAUNCH NEW SAVANNAH LINER

MAJOR HANSON WANTS A MUG-WUMP TO HELP BUSINESS.

President of Georgia Central at Launching Banquet Declares for Political Independence That Will Bring Ship Subsidies and Mill Corporation Tax.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 30.—The Savannah Line steamship City of St. Louis, biggest of coastwise cargo carriers, launched to-day at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, inspired Major J. P. Hanson, president of the Central of Georgia Railway, to make a plea for a ship subsidy and incidentally to declare himself independent politically of all parties except that whose object was the industrial development of the country.

He called the corporation tax "infamous, discriminatory and humiliating." The Major, who is close to 70 years of age, spoke with the vehemence of a young man and caused his audience in the dining hall of the Warwick Hotel to break into claps.

"The political party," the Major said, "that goes up against the corporations of this country will find that it has gone up against the real thing at last. I am willing to go into coalition with any party in the United States that is opposed to the corporation tax inquiry."

The Major said in regard to ship subsidies that he believed the progress of Germany, France and England on the seas was due chiefly to Government assistance in one form or another. He lamented the disappearance of the American flag from the coast except along the coast and declared that he did not care what sort of a subsidy might be offered to the owners of ships so long as it was enough. He merely wanted the same measure of protection that had been given to all other industries of the country. The Major stirred the diners to renewed enthusiasm when he said:

"Government in the last analysis and in its simplest form of statement is nothing more or less than business on a big scale. What the country needs in leadership is the development of a giant ship. We want neither Republican nor Democrat, but a man to do things for the best business policies of the country."

The Major characterized the failure of Congress in the last fifty years to do anything for the American merchant marine as a "national humiliation."

W. H. Plessant, vice-president of the Savannah Line, led in the speechmaking as toastmaster. Other speakers were Calvin E. Orcutt, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, and Walter A. Post, general superintendent of the company.

Mr. Orcutt said that capital without organization was ineffective in shipbuilding as in other industrial enterprises and that the organization of his company was so thorough that in the last five months it had achieved the distinction of turning out one ship every thirty days.

The launching of the new ship was a smooth affair. Miss Louise Nugent of St. Louis smashed a bottle of champagne against the liner's starboard bow, remarking to the crowd: "God bless you, St. Louis, and God bless you."

As has been customary, the president of the company gave Miss Nugent a gold watch as an engraved token of appreciation for her service to the ship of the line.

The St. Louis is a sister of the City of Montgomery, recently off the ways, and is 400 feet long, 50 feet beam and measures 7,200 tons.

Nearly every port of the Atlantic coast and several interior cities were represented at the launching ceremony. A special train from New York in charge of Passenger Traffic Manager James C. Horton of the Savannah Line took 100 guests to Baltimore, where they transferred to the Merchants and Miners steamship Juniata for this city.

PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE STUNNED

Directors May Act on the Directorship Vacancy Today.

It was said at the office of the People's Institute yesterday that the sudden death of Charles Sprague Smith had left the organization temporarily stunned. Probably it will be several days before any statement can be made as to his successor.

The directors of the institute will meet this morning at 10 A.M. at the City Club. It is expected that they will vote on the matter of electing Mr. Smith's successor or adopting the customary resolution regarding his death.

The board of directors includes Howard Morgan, chairman; W. Everett Macy, treasurer; Francis R. Marston, secretary; Edward D. Page, the Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Slicer, J. Aspinwall Hodge, John S. Hoy, Jr., George W. Kimbrough, John S. Tracy, Terry and Frederick M. Stein. Mr. Smith was managing director. The institute is a membership corporation and has been supported chiefly by membership dues and contributions from the public. It has well to do persons allied with it have made large payments for its work.

CURTAIN POLE HER WEAPON

Woman Who Used It to Knock a Man Down Thought He Was Insane.

Samuel Jaffay of 344 Beekman avenue, the Bronx, was walking along the Bowery yesterday morning when a woman hit him over the head with a curtain pole. "I love you! I love you! My goodness, how I love you," she said emphasizing her protestations with blows of the curtain pole. Jaffay dropped and Policeman Johnson of the traffic squad found the woman. An ambulance surgeon fixed up Jaffay's head, and in the Essex Market police court he made a charge of felonious assault against the woman, who says her name is Katherine Duncan, 37 years old, of 1412 Second avenue.

The police say she was arrested for assault on March 18, and was committed to Bellevue Hospital for observation as to her sanity.

BRING HOME THE BACON.

Family of That Name Wins Novel Race at Loughlin Lyceum Games.

The Loughlin Lyceum's annual indoor games took place last night in the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory before a big crowd, which came chiefly from St. Cecilia's parish. For a while some of the spectators had the impression that the program would never start but it finally did, an hour before the time. The race which mostly aroused the spectators was a family medley relay. On the starting list were such well known names as the Sheppards, Bacons, Rileys and Garrings. Each family or team was made up of four men. The first was to run 100 yards, the second 220, the third 440 and the fourth 880 yards. The Garrings did good work in the first three relays, but the Rileys, second and third, were the Sheppards were away behind, leaving Melvin a hopeless chase in the final. In the last relay Charlie Bacon took up the running for the house of Bacon and though Frank Riley challenged him, rounding the race for home, Bacon won by a comfortable margin, as he was in the lead while the Rileys were still in the starting blocks.

There was some trouble over the five mile bicycle race and some blows were struck on the floor after the result was announced. Walter Raleigh of the Army and Charles Brown of the Navy, who were the victors, were both disqualified and their places given to W. Van Den Dries of the New York A. C. The winner of the 100 yard race was J. H. Halloway of the Central Y. M. C. A., and for about a mile Raleigh and Brown engaged in a struggle. After this pair finished they were loudly cheered while Van den Dries was cheered much less. The general opinion was that Brown should be disqualified as well as Raleigh. The race was a success and the family medley relay was the best of the night.

There were so many men in the mile relay that the race was a success. The only way they could be managed was by three trial heats and twenty-six started in the first twenty-two in the second. Thirty-two in the third. The final was won by Simon Aggen, who is from one of the Sprague families, and has the makings of a real good mile runner.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

TRANCE, PATCHED UP, MAY RACE AGAIN FOR ODOM.

Crack Ben Brush Filly, After a Year's Rest Following a Serious Breakdown, Appears to Have Recovered—Bessie, a Coast Phenom, to Race Here.

Patched up cripples have won many races on the American turf because of patient handling and expert treatment. Just now horsesmen at Gravesend are watching the efforts of George M. Odom to bring the famous Ben Brush filly, Trance, to the track. Trance, a two-year-old, showed remarkable form, and was rated not far behind James R. Keene's Manassas in point of class. She won more than a dozen races for Odom under all sorts of conditions, taking the measure of the now famous Pitt Handicap among others. Odom refused \$25,000 for the daughter of Ben Brush, who was bred by Mr. Keene, and when last season dawned at Pimlico the young turfman believed that Trance would be one of the reigning sensations. But, alas! Odom's dream, this filly after a fast workout over the Baltimore track one morning pulled up with a pair of bowed tendons. Odom saw at a glance that her racing days temporarily were at an end and he promptly shipped her to the farm to be turned out.

"If she comes back sound next spring," he said, "I will train her and she'll win some of the big races too." So Trance, after being fired and blistered, spent all of last year in retirement, though she was never forgotten for a moment by her owner. Early in February Odom looked Trance over critically and decided that she would stand training. He had her shipped to Gravesend a three weeks ago and let her have a walk around the track. Then came trotting and cantering. Trance pulled after the day's work, and yesterday Trance was allowed to gallop a half in about 6:55, and when she went to her stall she was able to play nest ball.

Trance, according to Odom, who saw the filly cool out, and said: "I think she will be the same as ever. And maybe she won't make some of these sprinters fly."

James MacManus, the former star car conductor, who owns Rocky O'Brien, is coming here from California with several horses, including the sensational plater Rosamire, who under all sorts of conditions has won ten out of eleven races. Rocky O'Brien has wintered on Long Island and is a splendid looking three-year-old.

The Court of Appeals in California by a unanimous vote has just declared that a bookmaker's contract is not enforceable. This is the result of a test case involving the enforcement of the recent California law which closed all but the Emeryville track. President Hiram W. C. Hoagland, who is a member of the court, pointed out that as oral betting is prohibited, a bookmaker's contract is not enforceable. The Walker-Otis law is a reproduction of the Agnew-Hart law in force in this State.

Horses owned by W. R. Jennings, Andy Barnes and H. G. Bedwell left California yesterday for the Aqueduct meeting. Jockey Glass is coming back under Blakeley's management, but he hasn't received a license yet.

Much interest is shown in the work of Kentucky Derby candidates at Churchill Downs these days. Waldo, the favorite, is expected to win. He is a son of the late Harry Campbell, who was a champion. Waldo is a mile and a half runner and has won several races. He is expected to win the Kentucky Derby.

Word comes from Jamestown, Va., that a large attendance is expected to-morrow when the two weeks spring meeting is held. There will be about ten bookmakers in line and at least 300 horses will occupy stable room tracks. Harry Campbell, who is a champion, will be in the line. He is expected to win the Kentucky Derby.

The Highlanders' outfield when consisting of Hauppil, Tree and Walters appears to be a majority of baseball experts to be a winning combination. It is expected that the Highlanders will win the Eastern championship. The Highlanders are a team from the Eastern States.

Jeffries hasn't broken his arm in a fight with a grizzly and Johnson hasn't lost an arm in an automobile accident. Jeffries is a champion boxer and Johnson is a champion driver. They are both expected to win the Kentucky Derby.

The final in the indoor polo tournament was played last night on the turf at the Durland Stiding Academy, and the home team, composed of Archie Kinney, captain; Jack Brown and Earl Hopping, won a notable victory over a team from the States. The Durland team won by 7 goals to 1.

Harry Guggenheimer, president of the Indoor Polo Association, saved the Crickie-woods from ignominious defeat by making a splendid shot half way across the ring at the last moment. The Crickie-woods were a team from the Eastern States.

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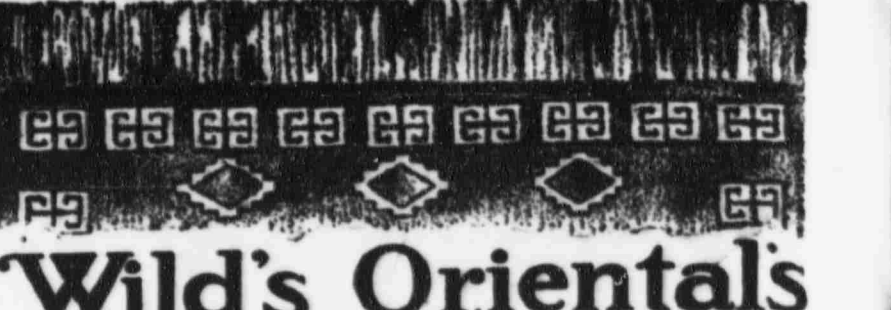
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HART MAY PLAY FOOTBALL.

Three Physicians Report Favorably on Princeton Captain.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 30.—The controversy which waged after the close of the football season last fall as to whether or not Eddie Hart, '12, captain of the Princeton team for next year, should have been allowed to play on account of an alleged injury to his neck was decisively settled to-day. Hart's neck was examined by a committee of three physicians, who report that he ran no danger in playing and will be able to play next fall.

Dr. Gibbon, acting as chairman of the committee, says in his report: "The committee of which I am a member has examined the case of Mr. Hart very thoroughly. We have had a number of X-rays taken and we are unanimously of opinion that he has never sustained a fracture of the vertebrae or of any part thereof and we further believe that there is no serious danger to his neck and nothing to prevent his playing football. There is no reason why he should be kept out of the game. He is a good player and a high caliber of leather or some soft material to prevent strain."

The committee consisted of Dr. V. P. Gibbon, Dr. C. L. Gibbon and Dr. John A. Hartwell of New York. Dr. Gibbon is the noted orthopedist. Dr. Gibbon is a graduate of Harvard University and Dr. Hartwell took a degree at Yale University.

COLUMBIA CREW CHANGES.

Three New Men Get Places in the Varsity Eight.

The Columbia varsity eight was shifted around yesterday afternoon, the first time that Jim Rice, the coach, has rearranged the order of his men into a definite combination. The entire complexion of the eight was changed and three men were relegated to the second boat. Moore, Gilman and Dellenbaugh being promoted to the vacant places. Murphy's stroke was the only man who retained his place. Cole and Murrain, who were in the second boat, were shifted to the first boat. The new combination was: Moore, Gilman and Dellenbaugh in the first boat; Murphy, Cole and Murrain in the second boat; and the rest of the crew in the third boat.

Riders in Parade of Nations. A benefit for the staff of riding masters was held at the Central Park Riding Academy last night. The opening movement was a ride of the nations by patrons of the academy and then followed a game of polo by the two teams from the academy, known as the Central Parks and the Specials. Ernest Gilman, Joseph Maher and James Scullery played on the Specials team and they defeated the Central Parks by a score of 3 to 2. Murray Wilder, Eugene De la Motte and Frank Dillon played on the opposite side.

Other numbers on the programme were a Tandem on horseback and a high jumping contest.

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